sidies are contributed by the State Governments.

Premium Income and Claim under CCIS

7421. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the premium income collected and claim amount settled under comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme till the end of March, 1995; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The premium income collected under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) from inception of the Scheme (Kharif 1985) to March, 1995 is Rs. 19009.60 lakh and the total claim amount is Rs. 122085.86 lakh.

(b) A statement showing State-wise details of premium and total claims under CCIS is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise details of Premium and claims under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) from Kharif 1985 to March, 1995

(Amount in Lakhs of Rupees)

State/U.T.	Premium	Total Claims
Andhra Pradesh	4735.37	16517.60
Assam	35.90	50.90
Bihar	1330.14	3460.35
Goa	2.16	4.05
Gujarat	3144.74	74800.40
Himachal Pradesh	5.90	36.40
Jammu & Kashmir	15.80	65.20
Karnataka	723.17	2390.39
Kerala	219.14	290.68
Manipur	3.84	—
Madhya Pradesh	1482.72	3082.12
Maharashtra	2905.22	12478.64
Meghalaya	5.32	7.43
Orissa	752.33	2360.30
Rajasthan	159.78	2292.59
Tamil Nadu	1348.03	2329.87
Tripura	11.34	6.08
Uttar Pradesh	852.64	499.79
West Bengal	1251.35	1388.58
Andaman & Nicobar	1.88	2.18
Delhi	0.53	—
Pondicherry	22.30	22.36
TOTAL:	19009.60	122085.86

Demand to raise the subsidy on Fertilizers

7422. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demand to raise the subsidy on fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Subsidy is paid by the Government on Fertilizers under Statutory Price Control, namely, Urea. Subsidy on indigenous Urea is the difference between retention price and notified sale price and subsidy on imported Urea is the difference between cost of imports and the notified sale price. There is no proposal to revise the existing subsidy.

Increasing the productivity of Cattle and Buffaloes

7423. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for increasing the productivity of cattle and buffaloes;

(b) the action taken in the area of genetics for increasing milk production;

(c) whether any foreign technology is being made use of in these areas; and

(d) the overall strategy of Government for increasing milk production and livestock development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The programmes undertaken by Government for increasing the productivity of cattle and buffaloes include production of superior quality bulls, progeny testing and application of frozen semen and embryo transfer technology.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The strategy consists in enhancing the productivity of livestock and establishing market linkages for the products.

Cattle-feed Plant in Karnataka

7424. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance from the Centre to the extent of Rupees 3 crores towards setting up a Cattle-feed plant at Hassan, Karnataka;

(b) whether the Central Government is aware that such a plant when in operation would cater to the needs to 5 lakh farmer members of 2500 dairy cooperative societies in the districts of Hassan, Coorg and Chickmagalur (Karnataka); and

(c) whether the Central Government would consider favourably the proposal to assist the Hassan Milk Union with an investment of Rupees 3 crores for setting up the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. This has been indicated in the letter sent by Chief Minister of Karnataka.

(c) It is not possible to assist the Hassan Milk Union as there is no such component under any on-going scheme in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Popularization of Coconut Water

7425. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort has been made by Coconut Development Board to popularise coconut water as beverages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed in this direction in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Coconut Development Board has sponsored a research project on preservation and packing of tender coconut water as a beverage with Defence Food Research Laboaratory, Mysore, in February, 1993, at a total cost of Rs.2.76 lakhs. The project is expected to be completed soon.

(c) During 1995-96, the Coconut Development Board proposes to conduct pilot scale production of tender coconut water and consumer acceptability studies, so as to plan marketing strategy.

Development of Coconut Marketing

7426. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan on State to State basis will be formulated for coconut marketing by Coconut Development Board for 1995-96; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.